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To: County Superintendents of Schools, County Auditors and
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From: Janet Sterling, Director
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Subject: Recertification of the 2002-2003 First Principal Apportionment

The 2002-2003 First Principal Apportionment has been recertified to adjust the funding calculations for the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS), the Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) program that did not initially incorporate all of the program participants, and the Categorical Block Grant for charter schools. There were also changes to the Special Education Apportionment that will be addressed under separate cover. The recertified First Principal Apportionment total is \$20,563,080,675.

As a result of this recertification, monthly warrants for March, April, and May will be adjusted accordingly for those counties affected.

Included with this letter are exhibits that provide the detail of the adjustments. A copy of this letter and many of the exhibits are available on our Web site at www.cde.ca.gov/fiscal/principal_app/2003_P1. These exhibits should be used in place of those received in February. Please note that exhibits for the Special Education Apportionment will not be mailed, but can be obtained on our Web site at http://www.cde.ca.gov/fiscal/special_ed/.

Note to County Superintendents: Please advise districts and charter schools of this recertified apportionment as soon as possible by providing them with a copy of this letter and applicable exhibits.

If you have questions, please refer to the Division Staff Contacts for Apportionment Questions located at http://www.cde.ca.gov/fiscal/principal_app/2003_P1/ or contact the Office of Principal Apportionment and Audit Resolution at (916) 324-4541 for general questions.

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